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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES: Despite French reservations, the EC foreign ministers agreed at their meeting earlier this week to reconvene next month to consider further how to respond to the US bid for a restatement of principles governing US-European relations.

France was isolated for the most part, but persisted at the session on 5 June in its effort to minimize foreign policy coordination among EC members. French Foreign Minister Jobert began by vetoing the wish of his eight ministerial colleagues that EC Commission President Ortoli, a Frenchman, participate in the discussion of US-European relations. Jobert next contradicted the US account of the Reykjavik summit, saying that the French had not agreed to multilateral preparations for President Nixon's visit to Europe and that Paris also opposed an Atlantic summit in connection with the visit. Jobert flatly rejected multilateral deputy foreign ministers' preparatory meetings prior to President Nixon's arrival in Europe.

The interest of the other eight foreign ministers in moving toward a US-European dialogue nevertheless persuaded the French to accept a modest compromise. The Nine agreed to try again next month to harmonize their views, and they apparently decided to call on the EC's political consultations mechanism to assist in preparing this meeting. In the meantime, they plan to discuss bilaterally with the US the various questions involved.

These improvised arrangements reflect the long-standing institutional weaknesses of the EC as well as the differences among the members regarding their future relations with each other and between "Europe" and the US. The EC governments, and particularly the French, are opposed to treating trade, monetary, political, and military considerations as

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a package in negotiations with the US. In this kind of negotiation they believe the US would try to get concessions in the trade and monetary area in return for continued military and political support of Europe. They also believe that the EC with its present limited degree of unity would be at a disadvantage in a comprehensive dialogue with the US.

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Iraq-UK: Preliminary negotiations are under way for an early resumption of diplomatic relations. Iraq broke with the UK in late 1971 when London did not protest Iran's occupation of three minor Persian Gulf islands coveted by Iraq that had previously been under British administration.

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Zambia: Zambia's minister of defense plans to lead a military delegation to Moscow, Bucharest, and Belgrade this month. The mission will attempt to get additional military equipment for defense against what Zambia considers a threat of attack from its white neighbors in Southern Africa.

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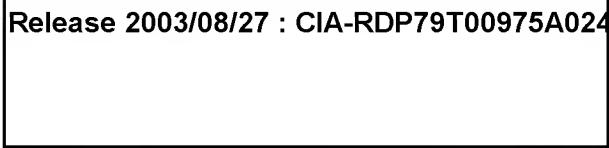
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